

PASSAIC RIVER
SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT
March 25, 2009

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) has completed its second quarter of the grant project under its contract with the US Environmental Protection Agency and has accomplished the tasks outlined for this time period.

We are finalizing the display panels after receiving advice from our graphics consultant and feedback from a number of staff. We ordered and received a table top display with carrying case. It will be ready for the Ramapo River Conference scheduled for April 24.

We held a meeting in late January with partner Kirk Barrett of the Passaic River Institute to discuss progress on the maps for the web page. Kirk produced a Passaic web-based watershed map showing the tributaries and has since refined it to much higher resolution. He has added a topographic and a land cover map as well as a page listing all municipalities.

We are currently working on creating the educational text for the web site with links to resources and material gathered earlier in the grant year.

Project Director Abbie Fair attended a field trip associated with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's Land Conservation Rally. It took place and focused on the lower Passaic River. It included visiting Lyndhurst riverfront with an instructive talk by Ella Filippone of Passaic River Coalition, and included informative visits to the Ironbound, Trust for Public Land's Parks for People project and the Newark Conservancy.

ANJEC has organized three evening Passaic workshops for the month of May in different areas of the watershed. The dates and draft agenda are in the attached document. We are currently working on a flier that will announce all three workshops, giving interested parties a chance to plan to visit different towns along the river.

The Ramapo Watershed Intermunicipal committee is planning their workshop for June and the Lower Passaic Alliance paddle event will be on May 16.